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## General

Togo is located on the W coast of Africa. It is bounded on the W by Ghana, on the N by Burkina Faso, and on the E by Benin.

The seacoast, 28 miles long, lies between a position about 0.8 mile SW of **Lomé** (6°07'N., 1°13'E.) and a point 2 miles E of Aného.

Togo is traversed from SW to NE by a mountain range, which divides the country into two nearly equal triangles. The NW region consists of lowlands drained by rivers and bounded on the N by hills. The SE region is made up of low-lying coastal districts, with lagoons in the S part and an interior plateau in the N. There are long stretches of forest and bush-wood. The dry plains alternate with arable land.

The tropical climate produces wet seasons from March to July and from October to November in the S part.

The N part has one wet season, from April to July. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the mountains of the W, SW, and central parts.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the franc of the Communauté Financière Africaine (FAC).

## Government



**Flag of Togo**

The constitutional government is composed of a President and a unicameral 81-member National Assembly. The President and the members of the National Assembly are directly elected to serve 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on French civil law and customary law.

The capital is Lome.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

New Year's Day	January 1
Liberation Day	January 13
Sarakawa	January 24
Victory Day	April 24
Independence Day	April 27
Labor Day	May 1
Ascension Day	Varies
Martyrs of PYA's Day	June 21
Assumption Day	Varies

All Saints' Day

November 1

Christmas Day

December 25

Ramadan and Tabaski are Islamic holidays, the dates of which vary depending on the appearance of the moon.

## Industries

The main items of commerce are based on coffee, cocoa, palm oil, palm kernels, copra, groundnuts, cotton, and manioc. The major food crops include maize, yams, cassava, and groundnuts.

There are extensive deposits of bauxite and phosphate. Other mineral deposits include limestone, iron ore, and marble. A cement works, an oil refinery, and a steel mill are situated at Lome. Small, but developing, industries include textiles and food processing.

## Languages

The official language is French.

The major African languages spoken are Ewe and Mina, in the S part, and Dagomba and Kabye, in the N.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ZULU. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### World Time Zone Chart

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/ref/pdf/802801.pdf>

## U.S. Embassy

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